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GROUND PLANE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2001, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph at page 1, at indicated lines 8-24, with the following:

For certain applications, a flush-mounted end-fire antenna is required for an airborne or shipboard platform. For example, to combat low flying cruise missiles, a cylindrical UHF electronically scanned array is one of the most effective ways to detect, track, and classify these small targets with enough range to deploy necessary defenses. U.S. Patent 5,874,915, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by this reference, describes a robust antenna, which in an exemplary form is conformal to an E-2C radome with an oval cross section. In this exemplary form, the antenna is a non-rotating cylindrical wide band array controlled by a commutation switch matrix to provide 360 degree scan coverage, and includes two decks of radial columns of end-fire elements,

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